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(54) Title: HUMAN CHONDROITINASE GLYCOPROTEIN (CHASEGP), PROCESS FOR PREPARING THE SAME, AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING THEREOF

(57) Abstract: The invention relates to the discovery of a novel Chondroitinase Glycoproteins (CHASEGP's), methods of manufacture, and potential uses in conditions where removal of chondroitin sulfates may be of therapeutic benefit. Chondroitinase Glycoproteins require both a substantial portion of the catalytic domain of the CHASEGP polypeptide and asparagine-linked glycosylation for optimal chondroitinase activity. The invention also includes carboxy-terminal deletion variants of CHASEGP that result in secreted variants of the protein to facilitate manufacture of a recombinant CHASEGP. Further described are suitable formulations of a substantially purified recombinant CHASEGP glycoprotein derived from a eukaryotic cell that generate the proper glycosylation required for its optimal activity. CHASEGP is useful for the degradation of glycosaminoglycans and chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans under clinical conditions where their removal is of therapeutic value.